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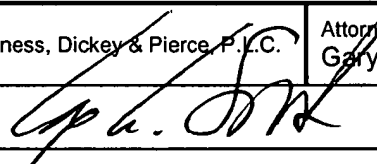
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Application Number	10/748,174
Filing Date	December 31, 2003
Inventor(s)	Lukas TROSMAN et al.
Group Art Unit	3663
Examiner Name	Johannes P. Mondt
Attorney Docket Number	24GA127099-1 (HDP 8564-000031/US)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/748,174 Group Art Unit: 3663
Filing Date: December 31, 2003 Examiner: Johannes P. Mondt
Applicant: Lukas TROSMAN et al.
Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH RODS
FOR A REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE
Attorney Docket: 127099-1 (HDP#8564-000031/US)

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Date: December 12, 2008

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 19, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	8	-	20	=	0
Independent	3	-	3	=	0